THE PRESENT and FUTURE CONDITION OF GERMANY.

Giving a full ACCOUNT

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AT this time, when *Christendome* is alarm'd with a dreadful Invasion from its *Common Enemy*, and the *Imperial Eagle* trembles under the Gripes of the *Ottoman* Fury, who is not curious to inquire both into the *occasion* of this *Incursion*, and what may rationally be expected as the Consequence and *Issue* thereof?

The disturbances of *Hungary* have a long time made a considerable Figure in the *Gazetts* of *Europe*: A great part of that Kingdom hath been subject to the *Turk* ever since its *Metropolis Buda* yielded to the victorious Arms of *Solyman the Magnificent*, in the year 1536. the rest (with the Title of *King of Hungary*) was claimed by the *House of Austria*, and so became annext to the *Empire* of *Germany*, under *Ferdinand* II. *Anno* 1624. But having formerly been an *Elective* Kingdom, the Inhabitants still challeng'd certain *Priviledges* and Immunities, and the same were from

time to time promiſed and confirmed to them by the Emperors; which being much *infringed* and violated (as they alleadg'd) ſome years ſince, they (being a Warlike People) betook themſelves to Arms.

But tho the greateſt part of them are *Proteſtants*, yet it was not upon the Account or pretence of *Religion*, that the firſt Inſurrection there began, but for their *Civil Liberties*; and the moſt eminent Conſpirators were of the *Roman Communion*; however, the ſame being pretty well cruſht and ſuppreſs'd, the *Jeſuites* (too prevalent in the Imperial Councils) contriv'd to take an advantage from the *Umbrage* of this Rebellion, to deſtroy and root out all thoſe of the *Reformed Religion* in that Kingdom; and ſtimulated the *Miniſters of State* to practiſe divers intolerable *Rigors* and Preſſures upon them; the Nature of which may partly appear from the *Memorial* of Count *Oxenſtierne* the King of *Swedens* Ambaſſador, preſented to his *Imperial Majeſty* in the year 1674. wherein are theſe words.

"The *Proteſtant Miniſters*, eſpecially in the Cities "of *Leopoldople*, *Capuarina*, *Camara*, and others, have "been moſt violently ſeized on, pillag'd, and inſolently abuſed; *flea'd* with ſtripes, *ſtarved* with "hunger and nakedneſs, thruſt down into moſt "loathſome and *horrible* Priſons, amongſt *Snakes* and "*Toads*; and ſo bound and *manacled*, that they want "all means of defence to help themſelves againſt the "*Venomous* Creatures: And where they are moſt favourably dealt with, and ſuffered to live above "ground, they are compelled to Imployments, not "only *ſervile* and laborious, but the moſt *filthy* and "*noyſom* that can be invented; loaded perpetually "with *Chains*, more cruelly than thoſe that are guilty of the moſt grievous *Parricides* or *Treaſons*, without

" out all Commiseration, without any satiety or end of " *mocking* and abusing them; so that they lead a life, " than which *Hell* it self may seem more tolerable.

Thus was their Condition remonstrated by that great Minister of State, but little amended or alleviated for his solicitations; for the persecution was still carryed on fiercely, and a great number of those Protestant Ministers sold for *Gally-slaves*, were in *Chains*; divers of them *perished*, and some that surviv'd were at last released by the Mediation of the *Dutch* Admiral. To preserve themselves from these *Outrages*, finding nothing less than the destruction of them and their Religion were designed, several of these *Hungarians* gathered together, and stood upon their own *defence*; and have some years been headed by Count *Teckely*, a Nobleman of that Kingdom: And thô several Overtures have been made for accommodation, yet all being frustrated, and finding that their Brethren enjoyed under the *Turk fairer Quarter* than they could hope for under the Papists, they made their Complaints to the *Port*, submitting themselves to that power from whence they might expect protection: And as their Disloyalty and joyning with the Infidels is justly to be condemn'd, so neither can those Councils be justified for Prudence or Piety, which by unnecessary Severities reduced them to that despair, and the extremity of such a Choice.

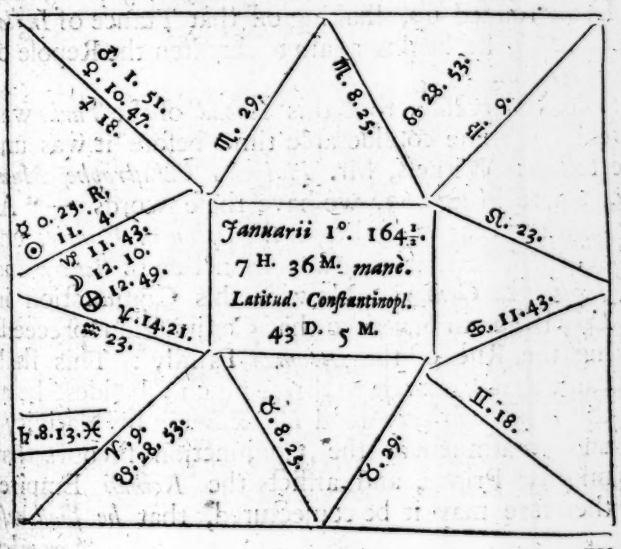
But the *Grand Seignior* regarding them now as his *Vassals*, begins a Quarrel on their behalf with the Emperor, and taking the advantage of these distractions to inlarge his Dominions (for amongst Heathen Princes, whatever are their pretences, Ambition and Glory are the Grounds of their Wars) employs his *Vizier* with a mighty Army of above an hundred thousand

thouſand men, to enter *Chriſtendome*; which like an irreſiſtable Torrent, carrying death and deſolation before it, has lately advanced to the Walls of *Vienna*, the chief City of *Germany*, and reſidence of the *Imperial Court*, which he inveſted on the fourteenth of *July* laſt, and continues to Beſiege; the Emperor being forced to abandon the ſame for his ſafety.

This City is ſeated on the Banks of the *Danubius*, (one of the greateſt Rivers in the World) in the Arch-Dukedom of *Auſtria*; it contains in Circuit about 5000 Geometrical Paces, and is famous for its *Univerſity*, and for its Cathedral dedicated to St. *Stephen*, (the Steeple whereof is 465 Foot high, of hewen Stone, curiouſly carved into various Figures) but eſpecially 'tis renowned for the Repulſe given to the Turks *Ann.* 1526. of whom *two hundred thouſand* under the conduct of *Solyman* the Magnificent, beleaguer'd it for a long time; but by the valour of *Frederick* the 2*d.* Elector Palatine, and other Princes, they were forced to raiſe their Siege, and retire with the loſs of *fourſcore thouſand* men. And whether the *Turk* at this time may have any better ſucceſſe againſt it, is a queſtion; the *Fortifications* being much improved, a diſcreet and valiant Governour placed in it, and 18 thouſand Souldiers in Garriſon, beſides the *Scholars* and *Burghers*, and good ſtore of Proviſion and Ammunition laid in; yet the *Vizier* attacques it with all imaginable fury, and is prodigal of the lives of his Souldiers; it being affirmed that he hath already loſt 20 thouſand of his men before it. Nor are the Chriſtian Princes wanting to gather together a ſtrength to repell theſe *Mahumetans*: The Duke of *Lorrain* has a conſiderable Force not above a day or two's March off; and only waits the coming up of the

the Auxiliary Troops, and especially of the valiant *King of Poland*, who is resolved in person to endeavour the relief of this Imperial City, and is now upon his March; and when once they are joyned, 'tis not doubted but we shall soon hear of a Battle, the fate of which will be of a vast importance to *Europe*: And for a good *Omen* we have already tydings, that the Duke of *Lorrain*, and part of the *Polish* Army have defeated some of the *Turks*, and *Teckley*'s Troops, and forced them to retire with considerable loss.

For the Satisfaction of the *Curious*, I shall here subjoyn the Nativity of the present *Grand Seignior* or Emperor of the *Turks*, as the same was communicated by a good hand from *Constantinople*, divers years since, and rectified by several remarkable Accidents; the *Scheme*, or true Position of the Heavens at the moment of his Birth being as followeth.



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This *Figure* affords (according to the Rules of *Aſtrology*) divers Arguments of Grandeur, and illuſtrious Atchievements. All the Planets are in the *Aſcending* part of Heaven: The *Luminaries* poſited upon the Aſcendant in *Sextile* of the *Medium Cœli*: A *Reception* between *Saturn* and *Jupiter*: And indeed the *Scheme* is very much with that of the great *Auguſtus Cæſar*, and in ſome reſpects more mighty and powerful. This *Puiſſant Monarch* at 17 years of Age (when his *Horoſcope* came to the *Sextile* of *Mars*, Lord of the Angle of Soveraignty) came to the Throne; and when the Moon came to the like direction in the twenty ſecond year of his Age, he invaded *Germany*: Since that time he has for ſome years indulg'd himſelf in the ſoft delights of the *Seraglio*, and the diverſions of the *Plains* of *Adrianople*; But now his Aſcendant approaching by *Direction* to the Body of *Jupiter*, like a Lyon rouzed up, ſhaking off that Trance of *Inglorious Sloth*, he begins again to threaten the Repoſe of *Chriſtendom*.

'Tis obſervable, that this *Inroad* of the *Turks* was predicted ſome conſiderable time before it was undertaken: Witneſs, Mr. *Holwel*'s *Cataſtrophe Mundi*, where in *pag.* 63. we have theſe words. — "About the year 1531. began the *Ottoman Family*, under the Gubernation of a Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* in *Gemini*. Now is this Conjunction in *Leo*, 1682. in *Sextile* to that Conjunction preceeding the Riſe of the *Ottoman* Family: This ſhall cauſe that Monarch to thrive much; beſides, he at this time hath very good *Directions* in his Nativity; and foraſmuch as the Conjunction favours that mighty Prince, and afflicts the *Roman* Empire, therefore may it be conjectured, that *he ſhall diſ-*

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"*member* the *Roman* Empire of ſome of its Territories, "and ſhall continue ſo doing for ſome years.

And before in *p.* 46. — "If the *Ottoman* Family "had their Riſe under the Conjunction of *Saturn* "and *Jupiter* in *Scorpio*, as it is verily believed, then "ſhall that people afflict a great part of *Chriſten-* "*dom*; for he has lately, or will very ſhortly change "his *Aphelion* into *Virgo*; which doth ſhew, that "thoſe People ſhall move out of their own Coun- "trey in way of Conqueſt, and ſhall continue ſo "doing for ſome years to come; even till they have "made themſelves Maſters of a great part of *Chri-* "*ſtendom*. And again, *p.* 79. ſpeaking to a potent Neighbouring Nation, he ſaith, — "Thou haſt been "one cauſe of the *Turks* entring *Europe*; he will "hardly return until he hath endangered thy Crown; "and thou wilt repent when it is too late, for thy "own Subjects will betray thee. — This was written in the Summer, 1682. when there was no News or Proſpect of the preſent Invaſion.

The ſame Author in his *Appendix* is more poſitive; and averrs, That the *Tranſit* of *Mars* through *Libra*, doth threaten *Auſtria* with great Devaſtation, and alſo the *taking of* Vienna *it ſelf*; *and the general Conqueſt of the Eaſt part of* Germany. And afterwards he threatens the *Lillies* to be blaſted by the Influences of the *Creſcent*. "And thou O *Italy*, haſt a great ſhare of this "Cup of Gods Wrath; for great will be the Scar- "city that ſhall be in thy fruitful Countrey; and "the *Turk* will deſtroy with Fire and Sword, a "great part of thy Famous Towns and Cities, and "come even to the Gates of *Rome*, and ſack it "as bad as the *Gauls* did, and will keep poſſeſſi-

"on, and destroy it with Fire, and strew Salt up-
"on it: Then will the Pope be forced to fly from
"place to place; and soon after there will be no
"more such Cattle in the World.

Thus that Author, with much more to that purpose, especially as to the declining Fortune of *France*; to whose Book we refer the Reader, as we do for the verity of those predictions to Time, the Midwife of Truth: And indeed, who knows how far Providence may suffer these Infidels to be a Scourge to those *nominal Christians*, who by their *Idolatrous* Ceremonies, and lewd *Practices*, have almost utterly subverted the substance of *Religion*, and real Piety?

I shall conclude with the *Divine Herbert*, (for *Poets* are a sort of *Prophets* too) who in his *Church Militant* seems to threaten a Transmigration of Religion from the *Old* into the *New* World, in these latter Ages; which he thus expresses.

——*It shall every year* decrease *and fade,*
Till such a Darkness *do the World invade*
At Christ's last *Coming, as his* first *did find:*
Yet must there such Proportions be assign'd
To these Diminishings, as is between
The spacious World, and Jury, *to be seen.*
Religion stands on Tip-toe *in our Land,*
Ready to pass to the American *Strand:*
When height of Malice, *and prodigious* Lusts,
Impudent Sinning, *Witchcrafts and Distrusts,*
(The marks of future Bane*) shall fill our Cup*
Unto the Brim, and make our measure up.
When Seine *shall swallow* Tiber, *and the* Thames
By letting in them both *pollutes her Streams;*

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When Italy *of us ſhall have her Will,*
And all her Calender of Sins *fulfill:*
Whereby one may foretell what Sins next year
Shall both in France *and* England *domineer:*
Then ſhall Religion to America *flee;*
They have their times of Goſpel, ev'n as we.
My God! thou doſt prepare for them a way,
By carrying firſt their Gold *from them aſtray:*
For Gold *and* Grace *did never yet agree;*
Religion alwaies ſides with Poverty.
Tet as the Church ſhall thither Weſtward *fly,*
So Sin *ſhall trace and dog her Inſtantly;*
That when they have accompliſhed the Round,
And met with' th' Eaſt, *their firſt and ancient Ground,*
Judgment *may meet them both, and ſearch them round.*
Thus do both Lights, *as well in Church and Sun*
Light one another, and together run.
Thus alſo Sin *and* Darkneſs *follow ſtill*
The Church *and* Sun *with all their Power and Skill;*
But as the Sun *ſtill goes both* Weſt *and* Eaſt,
So alſo ſhall the Church *by going* Weſt
Still Eaſt-ward *go, becauſe it draws more near*
Unto Time and Place where Judgment *ſhall appear.*

FINIS.